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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2020-000396
Request No. 2019-006631
CDT:EAH

VIA: FOIAonline

Dear Don Stone:

You appealed from the action of the Initial Request Staff (IR Staff) of the Office of Information Policy, acting on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to certain records "controlled by U.S. Attorney General, Barr" concerning the criminal cases of a named third party. I note your appeal concerns the IR Staff's determination that such records would likely be archived at the National Archives and Records Administration.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the IR Staff's action on your request. The IR Staff informed you that records from that time period have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you have not done so already, you may wish to submit a request directly to NARA for the records you seek at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA Staff
NWCTF-Room 5500
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

Furthermore, I note that in your appeal letter you state that you are requesting records concerning "the alleged criminal activities" of various named third parties. Accordingly, you may wish to make a request directly to the Executive of Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) or the Federal Bureau of Investigations for the records you seek.

Finally, please note that the principal administrative function of the Office of Information Policy is the adjudication of appeals from the denial of access to information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 by components of the Department of

Justice. This Office does not have the authority to investigate your allegations. I regret that I cannot be of any further assistance to you in this matter.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the IR Staff in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

11/25/2019

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Christina D. Troiani, Associate Chief, for
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Signed by: CHRISTINA TROIANI